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SPECTACULAR CRASH KILLS MAN

City's First Fatality of Year Logged

A Rolling Hills veterinarian became the city's first traffic victim of 1960 late Thursday in a spectacular crash involving his small foreign car and three others at the entrance to Torrance Municipal Airport.

Killed in the crash was William A. Drummond, 41, who resided at 26365 Golden Spar Place, Rolling Hills. He maintained offices in Hawthorne.

Booked on suspicion of felonious drunk driving and manslaughter after the fatal crash was Lance D. Young, 25, of 22905 Walnut Ave. Officers said Young's auto crashed into the rear of the Drummond Volkswagen which was halted on the highway to make a left turn into the airport.

Witnesses told police Young's car was traveling approximately 75 miles an hour when it struck the victim's auto, slamming it across the highway into oncoming westward traffic.

Drivers Edwin D. Yockey, 45,

Pair Rob Local Station of \$80

Two teenage bandits, apparently on foot, robbed a service station attendant of \$80 here late Friday, according to Torrance police.

John A. Gillmartin, 18, told police he was in the lubrication room of the station at 5331 Torrance Blvd. about 10:15 p.m. Friday when two youths came in and took the cash.



TRAFFIC DEATH SCENE . . . Police and firemen work to clear highway after light foreign auto driven by a Rolling Hills veterinarian carried him to his death at the entrance to Torrance Municipal Airport Thursday night.

Three other cars were involved, and the driver of one was arrested by Torrance police on suspicion of felonious drunk driving and manslaughter after the crash. (Herald Photo)

City Clerk A. H. Bartlett Honored for 38 Years on Job

Albert H. Bartlett, the dean of city clerks in Los Angeles County with 38 years of service in the municipal post, was honored by Torrance Councilmen Wednesday night for conducting his office with "efficiency, courtesy, and great distinction."

Bartlett was presented a plaque commending him for playing a significant role in the city's development since 1922, when he was elected to the first of 10 consecutive terms in office.

THE COUNCIL also asked for a review of methods of examining and certifying lists of applicants for civil service jobs and promotions. This came about after Councilman George Bradford com-

plained of slowness in the present procedures. Bradford pointed out that it took the present consulting firm a year to come up with an eligible list for a blacksmith-welder.

In another action, the council awarded a \$32,359 contract to the Eric Peterson Co. for the extension of Arlington Ave., south of Del Amo Blvd.

Trio Toils Long for Easter Gifts

"Easter is a sacred time of the year," said Mrs. Schooley as she, her husband, and their friend Mrs. Alfred Cox, a guest in their home at 2517 Eldorado, finished 32 Easter bunnies Friday morning.

The bunnies, complete with candied cherry eyes, and made of cake covered with marshmallow and coconut, were distributed Saturday to shut-ins and patients in hospitals in the area.

The Schooleys, and their friend of 27 years, worked all night Thursday to bake and decorate these gifts that spread cheer among people who otherwise might not be remembered this Easter Sunday.

The idea of distributing goodies to Torrance shut-ins at Easter time has been an annual event for the past five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Schooley have been residents of Torrance for 25 years. He has worked for National Supply for the past 24 years and has served on many welfare committees during this time. Both are members of local Masonic orders.

City Street Needs Cited

By 1980 248 miles of streets in the city will become deficient, requiring more than \$30 million for repair, Wade Peebles, public works director, reported to Torrance councilmen and state officials.

Peebles presented the city council a 60-page report listing present and anticipated deficiencies in the city's streets, highways, bridges, and rail crossings for the next 20 years.

Peebles estimated that the city will require \$30,073,000 to correct the deficiencies.



PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS . . . Officials of Local 1101, AFSCME, go over data to be presented to the board of education Tuesday evening requesting across-the-board pay raises and other changes in the pay structure of the district's classified employees. From left are Charles Williams, vice president; A. Richard Kendall, president; and Harold Woodman, past president of the local union. (Herald Photo)

Requests Submitted

School Employees Seek General Pay Increase

A new salary survey and recommended changes in such items as sick leave, hospitalization, overtime, night differential, and call-in pay will be considered by the board of education Tuesday night at the request of the district's classified employees.

The recommendations, submitted by Local 1101, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFL-CIO), call for across-the-board salary increases to "place the bulk of the salary budget into the hands of those who are in need of it the most," and overtime pay for all work done in excess of 8 hours on a shift, 40 hours during the week, and all work done on Saturday and Sunday.

Also recommended to the school board by the officials of Local 1101 is a policy providing for accumulation of unused sick leave to be paid as a bonus at the regular rate of pay to retiring employees.

Among other points contained in the recommendations submitted to the district:

1. That all classified employees have proper coverage under group health and welfare plan at no cost to the employee, and that representatives of the employee organizations participate in the selection and administration of the plan.

2. That workers beginning a shift at 4 p.m. or later be given a special increment of 10 cents an hour until midnight at 12½ cents an hour

after midnight. Shifts running from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. would not be included.

3. That employees called to work prior to or after regularly scheduled shifts receive a minimum of four hours pay, and if he works more than four hours, that he receive a minimum of eight hours pay.

"The union does not encourage the practice of calling employees to work outside of the regularly scheduled work shift," said Frank Visca, international representative for AFSCME.

School employees are represented by A. Richard Kendall, president; Charles Williams, vice president; John Doolittle, treasurer; and Thurlow Whitcomb, secretary.

Private Builders Complain

A Southland building contractor blasted the city's decision to build a downtown bus station with its own forces yesterday, calling the practice a growing threat to taxpayers in Torrance and other Southland cities.

"I personally challenge the city of Torrance to prove that it can do this work cheaper than it could be done by competitive open bidding," Louis Green, a Lawndale contractor, told the HERALD yesterday.

"I WILL challenge the city of Redondo Beach and Gardena to provide the same proof," he said. Those two cities, among others, reportedly took bids for public works projects recently, and then did the work with city forces.

The practice permits pyramiding of city forces and empire building by department, Green alleged.

"I MAY HAVE to drop off bidding in Torrance for awhile," Green said, "but it is time the little businessman spoke up."

He recited a recent experience in another city where he was the low bidder by \$500 on a project, and had bid under the estimate, but found himself out of a contract because the city took bids merely to establish a cost factor. The city did the work with its own forces as it had apparently planned to do from the start.

"WHEN YOU are asked to bid on public works projects just to give the city an idea of what it should cost," Green said, "you're not being treated fairly."

He said contractors bidding (Continued on Page 2)

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think could be done to lessen the Easter-week havoc the teen-agers cause at the various beach and resort cities?"

Answering were:

Mrs. J. F. Cook, 1742 Arlington Avenue, housewife:

"I think the thing has been given too much publicity and it makes the kids want to do what they aren't supposed to . . . it's human nature to want to do the very thing they're told not to. If they'd arrest those who do cause trouble and make them spend some time in jail, they might think twice before acting."

Mrs. Maura Mariscal, 21812 South Western Ave., housewife:

"I think they are given too much freedom and they don't know what it means to have responsibility of their own. They need more chaperones or at least closer supervision. They could have such things as teen-age dance where they are not allowed to go outside between dances, etc.; something to keep the occupied."

Mrs. Louella Atkins, 720 Aca-

cia, retired: "I think that if the children were given the right spiritual and home training, they wouldn't want to go out and carouse during Easter week. I don't really know what could be done about the present, maybe more supervision would help but I don't think arresting them does any good."

Mrs. Jack Wixom, 917 Portola, Apt. D, housewife:

"I wouldn't let my children go for even overnight, let alone a whole week as there is just too much temptation and not many kids are strong enough to say no when the rest of the gang is going to do something. I would also like to know they had a proper chaperone. Sometimes police action is good but some kids do things just to get into trouble."

Mrs. M. A. Schulman, 2321 W. 236th Pl., housewife:

"I think that if they had a well-planned and organized program for the entire week through the cooperation of our parks and recreation department it would eliminate a lot of that. I don't think a lot of the younger teen-agers have enough parental supervision, and too many parents seem to push their children into adulthood too fast, before they are ready or even know what it's all about."



EASTER CHEER . . . Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schooley, 2517 Eldorado, and their guest Mrs. Alfred Cox (left), finish decorating 32 cake bunnies Friday morning. The marshmallow and coconut covered bunnies were distributed to shut-ins and hospital patients in Torrance as Easter Sunday remembrances. (Herald Photo)